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Department of  
Natural Resources

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INDUSTRIAL MINERALS ADVISORY COUNCIL (IMAC)  
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OSAGE BEACH, MO**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Joe Gillman, Chairperson-Department of Natural Resources; Mr. Steve Rudloff-Missouri Limestone Producers Association; Mr. Victor Nahlik-Winter Brothers Materials; Mr. Dave Keller-Harbison-Walker Refractories, Inc.; Mr. Chris Upp-Conco Quarries, Inc.; Mr. Dave Ahlvers-Missouri Dept. of Transportation

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Cheri Summa-Fred Weber, Inc.; Mr. Daniel C. Rowe-Unimin Corporation

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Jerry Prewett-Geological Survey Program Director; Mr. Pat Mulvany-Industrial Minerals Unit Chief; Mr. Justin Davis-Industrial Minerals Unit Geologist; Ms. Jane Williams-Industrial Minerals Advisory Council Secretary

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Mr. John Bogner-Leggette, Brashears, & Graham; Mr. Rodney Linker-Tower Rock Stone Co.; Mr. John Griesemer-Springfield Underground

Mr. Joe Gillman brought the meeting to order at 8:49 a.m.

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND DNR/DGLS BUDGET UPDATE**

Mr. Gillman asked Council members, staff, and visitors for introductions. Mr. Gillman encouraged visitors to attend our future meetings. Mr. Gillman presented a brief explanation regarding the state's budget. It looks like the rate of decline is possibly slowing down, but there is still a large shortfall. Our Division has been impacted not only by loss of general revenue funding but also our land survey fee fund has a significant shortfall. Mr. Ahlvers stated construction program numbers of \$1.2 billion in FY10, \$610 thousand in FY11, and \$425 thousand in FY12.

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2009 MEETING**

Mr. Gillman asked for a motion for the previous minutes to be accepted. Mr. Upp made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on June 17, 2009 as circulated. Mr. Keller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

Mr. Prewett gave an explanation about the vacant positions that we have on the Council. The person who is interested in replacing Mr. Rudloff has applied to the Governor's Office and the paperwork is currently routing through the Department Director's office. We need to fill Mr. Scott Lacy's position and also Ms. Cheri Summa has reapplied. The open position for Mr. Lacy is a limestone position. We would gladly help anybody who would be interested in applying for the position.

Mr. Prewett still has not received permission to release the comments about the Corps of Engineers sand and gravel dredging permit. Mr. Ahlvers said MODOT has been involved in some of the meetings in regard to this permit. MODOT has given them economic impact statements.

Mr. Prewett explained that another issue that the industrial minerals industry would be interested in is the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) position on coal combustion waste. Missouri has, for the past several years, considered fly ash to be a potentially beneficial and usable substance. EPA has taken a position that fly ash is potentially a hazardous waste. The Department has addressed a letter to EPA explaining Missouri's position on this issue. Mr. Ahlvers stated he considered our letter to be very well written.

## **GEOLOGIC RESOURCES FUND BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Mulvany gave an explanation of the Geologic Resources Fund budget and expenditure sheet. We have budgeted \$155,838 for Fiscal Year 2010. Our expenditures through the month of November, which is 41% of the fiscal year, are \$59,629.78. This amount represents 38% of the yearly budget. Mr. Gillman asked what the current balance overall is of the Geologic Resources Fund. Mr. Mulvany stated approximately \$230,000. He explained that basically expenditures and income have been running fairly even. Mr. Bognar asked if the balance could be vulnerable to a fund sweep. Mr. Gillman stated that it should not be eligible according to the legislation at the time of its creation, however, it could be possible if new legislation was introduced. Mr. Gillman assured the Council that we would fight to the best of our ability to keep it from happening. Mr. Upp suggested that we keep the Council advised if it starts to become an issue.

Mr. Prewett came up with another general information note. He gave an explanation on the new process for information requests. He explained that the Department is now tracking all information requests, which could possibly slow the process down by a day or two.

## **INDUSTRIAL MINERALS UNIT WORK ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

Mr. Mulvany gave a brief explanation of our work unit, which includes Mr. Mulvany and Mr. Davis. The following is a list of work activities that have been completed or started since the last meeting:

- The Missouri Geology Bibliography has been placed on the website in October, 2009. It had about 6,000 entries at the time it was posted, and it is up to 6,500 entries at this time. We will post a revised edition in January, 2010.
- They are continuing to work with Tom Thompson and Missouri State University on the Cambrian RI-70. The manuscript is in draft form. He hopes the final will be finished in the early part of 2011.
- We did get our Limestone Webpage in a draft format. We are currently going through and editing it. It should be posted no later than the end of January, 2010.
- During the last several months we fielded a lot of inquiries.
- We have a series of open file reports that were written by Ardel Rueff in 1991 called The Chemical and Physical Properties of Selected Stone Resources in Missouri. They have a lot of chemical analysis of Missouri limestone and other aggregate rocks. We would like to enter the information from these reports into a database.
- We will be starting work on our clay resources webpage. Mr. Keller will be assisting us on this webpage.

The Department has put together a 22 piece rock and mineral set that is now available for sale to the public. They cost \$18.50. They can be purchased through the Missouri Geology Store on our website.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

The Council discussed issues associated with fund sweeps.

## **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE**

The Council agreed that the next meeting would be in the middle of March via teleconference. Mr. Gillman did suggest that he would be in the middle of the legislative session and we might want to consider doing it on a Monday or a Friday.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING**

Mr. Gillman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Upp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nahlik seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.